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GENEVA FOR CSCE DELEGATION

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SUBJECT: MBFR: REPORT OF AD HOC GROUP MEETING

OF SEPTEMBER 18, 1974

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT ITS FIRST MEETING OF THE FOURTH
ROUND OF THE VIENNA MBFR NEGOTIATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 18,
THE AD HOC GROUP UNDER DANISH CHAIRMANSHIP HEARD STATE-
MENTS BY THE US, UK, FRG, NETHERLANDS, CANADIAN AND ITALIAN
REPS REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR AND TACTICS DURING THE
AUTUMN NEGOTIATIONS. ALL FOUR ALLIED REPS EXPRESSED
THEIR GOVERNMENTS' VIEW THAT LITTLE PROGRESS WAS
PROBABLY DURING THIS FOURTH ROUND, AND THAT THEREFORE

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MAJOR MOVES SHOULD NOT BE MADE BY THE ALLIES. THE

UK AND CANADIAN REPS ADDED THAT EVEN THOUGH LITTLE PROGRESS WAS PROBABLE, THE ALLIES SHOULD NONETHLESS CONTINUE STEADY DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR POSITION. THE NETHERLANDS REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HOPED THE ALLIES COULD INTRODUCE OPTION III INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS BY THE END OF THE YEAR; THE UK REP SAID A SIGNAL ON THIS TOPIC MIGHT BE GIVEN AT THE END OF THE FALL SESSION. SEVERAL REPS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT CLEAR PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE EVIDENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1975. THE GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED THE SCHEDULING OF PLENARIES AND INFORMALS, AND APPROVED A DRAFT OUTLINE OF THE FIRST WESTERN PLENARY STATEMENT DEALING PRIMARILY WITH WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED FIRST. THE IS SECURITY OFFICER ALSO DISCUSSED SECURITY MEASURES IN THE FACE OF POSSIBLE ARAB TERRORISM IN VIENNA. NEXT AHG MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20. END SUMMARY.

TACTICS IN FOURTH ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS

2. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED IF THE DELEGATIONS WISHED TO COMMENT ON THEIR CONSULTATIONS WITH THEIR NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS DURING THE BREAK, AND WHETHER THEY HAD ANY INFORMATION ABOUT EASTERN PLANS. FRG REP (BEHREND) REPORTED THAT SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN BONN, AND AT SOVIET REQUEST, THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE MEETING HAD MENTIONED MBFR AS A SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING. BEHREND ALSO REPORTED THAT GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAVE STATED PUBLICLY THAT MBFR WOULD TAKE ON ADDED IMPORTANCE AFTER CSCE WAS COMPLETED, THOUGH PROBABLY NOT BEFORE.

3. US REP SAID HE HAD HAD A GOOD REVIEW OF MBFR WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. THE NET RESULT OF THE CONSULTATIONS WAS THAT THE US FAVORED THE GENERAL APPROACH OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPHS 29-31 OF PART I OF THE JULY 23 AD HOC GROUP REPORT TO THE NAC (TEXT MBFR VIENNA 0185), NAMELY, THE US BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN
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THE INITIATIVE IN ORDER TO KEEP THE TALKS FOCUSED ON THE WESTERN PROGRAM AND THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THEIR PROGRAM AT A STEADY AND DELIBERATE PACE. THIS SHOULD BE DONE WIHOUT UNDUE CONCERN FOR THE CSCE SITUATION. US REP ALSO SAID THAT WASHINGTON HAD APPROVED THE GENERAL TACTICS RECOMMENDED IN PARAGRAPHS 5-16 OF PART II OF THE AD HOC GROUP REPORT TO THE NAC (MBFR VIENNA 0199). US REP EXPLAINED THAT OPTION III WAS STILL UNDER

REVIEW WITHIN THE USG AND THAT HE WOULD KEEP THE AHG ADVISED ON HOW US THINKING DEVELOPS. HE REAFFIRMED THAT THERE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE WITH THE ALLIES. US REP REPORTED THAT HE HAD HAD DISCUSSED MBFR WITH THE PRESIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 14. THE PRESIDENT HAD EVIDENCED A FAMILIARITY AND INTEREST IN MBFR ISSUES AND ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. THE NETHERLANDS REP (QUARLES) SAID HE WELCOMED THE US REP'S REMARKS, ESPECIALLY THAT REGARDING MBFR/CSCE. QUARLES SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS OPPOSED TO LINKING PROGRESS IN ONE NEGOTIATION TOO CLOSELY WITH PROGRESS IN THE OTHER. HIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVED IT WAS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP THE WESTERN POSITION OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THAT POSITION WAS NOT BALANCED, AND SOME NEW ELEMENTS, SUCH AS OPTION III, SHOULD BE INTRODUCED "BY YEAR'S END" IF THE ALLIES WISH TO KEEP THE INITIATIVE, GET THE WITHDRAWAL OF A TANK ARMY, AND REACH AGREEMENT ON THE MAIN PRINCIPLES OF AN AGREEMENT THIS YEAR. QUARLES SAID OPTION III SHOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED AS A CONCESSION, TO THE EAST BUT AS A MAJOR ELEMENT FILLING OUT AND DEVELOPING THE WESTERN PROPOSAL TO MOVE TOWARD A COMMON CEILING.

5. READING FROM A PREPARED STATEMENT, FRG REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED THIS ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT BE DECISIVE AND THAT THE EAST WOULD CONTINUE THEIR TACTICS OF THE LAST ROUND, I.E., CONTINUING TO SHOW

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INTEREST, BUT EVINCING FLEXIBILITY ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR FIRST STEP IDEA. BONN EXPECTED THE AST TO SIT BACK AND WAIT FOR THE SITUATION TO DEVELOP TO ITS FAVOR THROUGH INCREASING INTERNAL PRESSURES ON THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS. BEHRENDT SAID HIS GOVERNMENT THOUGHT THE EAST GAVE CSCE GREATER PRIORITY, AND THAT MBFR WOULDN'T MOVE UNTIL NEXT YEAR. THE FRG FELT, THEREFORE, THAT MAJOR ALLIED MOVES MADE DURING THIS SESSION WOULD NOT HAVE MUCH DIRECT IMPACT. THE FRG ITSELF WAS UNDER NO DOMESTIC PRESSURE OR COMPULSION TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY IN MBFR, BUT RECOGNIZED THAT OTHER ALLIES MAY HAVE SUCH A NEED. REGARDING TACTICS, BEHRENDT SAID THE ALLIES SHOULD START WHERE THEY
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LEFT OFF, WITH LINKAGE AND DATA ISSUES. DISCUSSION OF RE-CATEGORIZATION WOULD BE A GOOD LEAD-IN TO DATA DISCUSSIONS. AS TO FRG PARTICIPATION IN REECTIONS, BEHRENDT SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED THAT ONLY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE INVOLVED, THAT NO UNITS WOULD BE DISSOLVED, AND "VERY IMPORTANTLY, THAT NO NATIONAL SUBCEILINGS COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN ANY WAY." BEHRENDT CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE PROBLEM OF AIR MANPOWER, RAISED IN THE JULY AD HOC GROUP REPORT AND JUST REFERRED TO BY THE US REP, WAS A DIFFICULT ONE FOR BONN AND REQUIRED DISCUSSION WITHIN NATO: THE FRG WOULD BE READY TO JOIN IN THAT DISCUSSION.

6. READING FROM A PREPARED TEXT, THE UK REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED AN APPROACH SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED BY THE FRG REP. ROSE THOUGHT IT IMPROBABLE THAT THE EAST WILL MAKE ANY SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE THIS ROUND, EXPECTING INSTEAD THAT THE EAST WILL STONEWALL MBFR UNTIL EARLY 1975 WHEN PHASE III OF CSCE IS FIXED. SINCE

IT MAY PROVE IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THIS ROUND, LONDON THOUGHT THE WEST SHOULD AVOID MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE CONCESSIONS. ROSE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT BY NEXT SUMMER, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DEMONSTRATE REAL PROGRESS IN THE MBFR TALKS OR AT LEAST TO BE IN A POSITION TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE ALLIES HAD DONE ALL THAT WAS POSSIBLE TO MAKE PROGRESS (COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT FROM THIS POINT ONWARD, IN HIS REMARKS ROSE MAY HAVE BEEN EXPRESSING PERSONAL VIEWS RATHER THAN FULLY CLEARED LONDON POSITIONS. END COMMENT) AND THAT LACK OF PROGRESS WAS DUE TO SOVIET INTRANSIGENCE. ROSE NOTED THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN WEAKNESSES IN THE WESTERN POSITION; NAMELY THE EXCLUSION OF AIR AND NUCLEAR FORCES AND THE INSISTENCE THAT PHASE I BE CONFINED TO SOVIET AND US FORCES ONLY. ROSE SAID THAT THE EAST WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE ITS INSISTENCE ON AIR AND NUCLEAR REDUCTIONS AND VOICED THE BELIEF THAT THE ALLIES MAY HAVE TO MODIFY THEIR POSITIONS ON THESE ISSUES. THE DETAILS OF THE WESTERN REDUCTION PROPOSAL MIGHT ALSO HAVE TO BE MODIFIED. HE SAID THE UK MIGHT BE READY TO INCLUDE AIR FORCE MANPOWER IN NON CIRCUMVENTION PROVISION

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AND CURRENTLY HAS UNDER STUDY THE ISSUE OF AIR FORCE REDUCTIONS. ROSE SAID THAT THE UK DOES NOT BELIEVE THE AIR MANPOWER REDUCTION STEP SHOULD BE TAKEN SOON OR NECESSARILY WOULD HAVE A GREAT IMPACT ON THE EAST. FOR THE CURRENT ROUND, THE UK BELIEVES THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT ADVANCE FAR BEYOND THE ALLIED POSITION OF THE LAST SESSION, CLARIFYING QUESTIONS OF LINKAGE AND PHASING AND THEN DISCUSSING THE REDEFINITION OF GROUND FORCES, AND IF POSSIBLE ENGAGING THE EAST IN AN EXCHANGE OF DATA. ROSE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT LITTLE PROGRESS WAS EXPECTED THIS ROUND, BUT THAT THE ALLIES NEED TO PREPARE THE WAY TO MORE SUBSTANTIVE EFFORTS NEXT SESSION AND THAT PERHAPS A NUCLEAR SIGNAL BY THE END OF THE FALL ROUND WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THIS PURPOSE ALTHOUGH THE CONTENT OF OPTION III SHOULD NOT BE DEPLOYED UNTIL AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK.

7. THE ITALIAN ACTING REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT FULLY ENDORSES THE ANALYSIS OF FUTURE PROSPECTS EXPRESSED BY THE UK AND FRG REPS. THE CANADIAN REP STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT EXPECTS NO SUBSTANTIVE SOVIET CONCESSIONS UNTIL THE END OF CSCE IS IN SIGHT. GRANDE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ALLIES NEED TO HAVE A GOOD PUBLIC POSITION AND SHOULD MOVE TO COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR ENTIRE NEGOTIATING POSITION. IN THIS WAY, SAID GRANDE, ONCE THE TIME COMES TO INTRODUCE OPTION III, THE ALLIES COULD CLAIM GENUINE EASTERN CONCESSIONS IN

RETURN. GRANDE ALSO SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED
THE ALLIES COULD AFFORD TO UNILATERALLY GIVE DATA TO
THE EAST AND THAT, AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE, OTTAWA
FAVORED ACCORDING MAXIMUM TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY TO THE
AHG. US DEPREP COMMENTED THAT IT WAS PROPER FOR
ALLIES TO MAKE THEIR OWN OBJECTIVE EVALUATION OF THE
PROBABLE EASTERN PROCEDURE IN THIS ROUND. IT WAS ALSO
CORRECT TO PLAN TO PREPARE THE GROUND FOR RAPID
MOVEMENT IN THE WINTER SESSION

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IF THERE WAS LITTLE MOVEMENT IN THE FALL SESSION. BUT
PARTICIPANTS SHOULD REMEMBER THAT INFORMATION ON
SOVIET ATTITUDES WAS SCANTY AND THAT IT WAS IMPRUDENT
TO BASE FIRM CONCLUSIONS ON WHAT LITTLE WAS AT HAND.

ALLIES SHOULD NOT PSYCHOLOGICALLY ACCEPT FROM THE OUTSET THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MOVEMENT AND ABOVE ALL, SHOULD NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION TO THE EAST THAT ALLIES DID NOT EXPECT SERIOUS BUSINESS OR SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE FROM THE EAST IN THE PRESENT ROUND.

SCHEDULING OF PLENARIES AND INFORMALS

8. THE CHAIRMAN (DANISH REP BELLING) NOTED THAT,
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AT THE END OF LAST ROUND, SEPTEMBER 24 HAD BEEN TENTATIVELY SET AS THE DATE FOR THE FIRST PLENARY. FRG REP (BEHRENDTS) SAID THAT A WEEK EARLIER, DURING A SHORT PERSONAL VISIT TO MOSCOW, HE HAD SEEN SOVIET REP KHLESTOV, WHO TOLD HIM THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD BE ARRIVING IN VIENNA ON SEPTEMBER 23, IN TIME FOR THE PLENARY, AND THAT CZECH REP KLEIN WOULD GIVE THE EASTERN STATEMENT. BEHRENDTS THEREFORE PRESUMED THAT THE EAST INTENDED TO ADHERE TO THE AGREED DATE OF SEPTEMBER 24. BELGIAN REP (ADRIAENSSEN) SAID THAT BEFORE HE MET WITH POLISH REP STRULAK TO ARRANGE THE DATE, HE WOULD LIKE THE GROUP'S REACTION SHOULD THE SOVIETS ASK TO SLIP THE DATE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26. THE GROUP DECIDED THE BELGIAN REP SHOULD STICK TO SEPTEMBER 24 UNLESS THE EAST REQUESTED A DELAY, IN WHICH CASE ADRIAENSSEN COULD ACCEPT SEPTEMBER 26.

9. AS TO THE FIRST INFORMAL, US DEP REP SUGGESTED THAT IF THE FIRST PLENARY IS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, THEN THE INFORMAL COULD BE HELD ON THE 26TH; IF THE PLENARY SLIPS TO SEPTEMBER 26, THE INFORMAL WOULD HAVE TO SLIP TO THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE GROUP DECIDED THAT ADRIAENSSEN SHOULD PROPOSE THIS SCHEDULE TO STRULAK WHEN HE ARRIVES.

DRAFT PLENARY OUTLINE

10. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED FOR VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE FIRST WESTERN PLENARY STATEMENT. US DEP REP SAID THAT THE US DELEGATION HAD GIVEN THE SUBJECT SOME THOUGHT AND HAD DECIDED THAT THE STATEMENT COULD EITHER FOLLOW THE CONVENTIONAL PATTERN OF REVIEWING THE GENERAL WESTERN POSITION, OR GET IMMEDIATELY INTO SUBSTANCE BY DIRECTING THE EAST'S ATTENTION TO THE SUBJECT THE ALLIES WANT TO BEGIN WITH, NAMELY, THE QUESTION OF WHOSE FORCES SHOULD REDUCE FROM THE OUTSET. HE EXPLAINED THE US DELEGATION HAD DECIDED ON A COMBINATION OF BOTH

APPROACHES, STARTING WITH A BRIEF REVIEW AND THEN MOVING
ON TO THE QUESTION OF WHOSE FORCES. HE SAID THE US
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DELEGATION HAD PREPARED A DRAFT OUTLINE WHICH COULD BE
DISTRIBUTED IF THE GROUP AGREED WITH THIS APPROACH.
THE GROUP SO AGREED.

11. UK REP (ROSE) OBSERVED THAT THE DRAFT INCLUDED, FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN A PLENARY STATEMENT, THE ALLIED "ALL
PARTICIPANTS" OFFER TO REDUCE IN PHASE II. ROSE,
SUPPORTED BY FRG REP, AGREED THAT THIS OFFER NOW SHOULD
BE FORMALIZED IN PLENARY SESSION, NOTING THAT IF THE
EAST REJECTS THE OFFER AGAIN BEFORE THE ALLIES FORMA-
LIZE IT, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO RAISE THE OFFER LATER.
ROSE AND BEHREND SUGGESTED THAT THE OFFER BE GIVEN
MORE PROMINENCE IN THE DRAFT STATEMENT, SINCE THIS
ASSURANCE WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OTHER THREE ALLIED
ASSURANCES. ROSE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE STATEMENT
SHOULD INDICATE THAT THE ALLIES ARE STILL AWAITING AN
EASTERN RESPONSE TO THIS FAR-REACHING OFFER.

12. CANADIAN REP (GRANDE) AND ITALIAN ACTING REP
(TALIANI) JOINED ROSE IN QUESTIONING THE WISDOM OF
DRAWING ATTENTION TO KHLESTOV'S DISTINCTION BETWEEN
FOREIGN AND NATIONAL FORCES. ROSE SAID THIS ARGUMENT
WOULD PLACE THE UK AND CANADA IN A DIFFICULT POSITION.
TALIANI SAID IT SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED WITHOUT A
REBUTTING ARGUMENT. US DEP REP EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING
FOR THIS PROBLEM, BUT CONSIDERED IT VALUABLE FOR THE
ALLIES TO POINT OUT THAT EVEN THE SOVIETS ADMIT THERE
ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS.

13. FRG REP QUESTIONED THE USE OF THE PHRASE "APPROXI-
MATELY 700,000 AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE LEVEL FOR A
COMMON CEILING," SUGGESTING THAT IT WAS MORE ACCURATE
TO SAY "700,000 IS AN ILLUSTRATIVE FIGURE." THE
ITALIAN ACTING REP ASSERTED THAT THIS PHRASE "APPROXI-
MATELY 700,000" HAD NOT BEEN USED BEFORE, BUT THOUGHT
IT WAS TIME TO START USING THE PHRASE, GIVEN THE
DISCUSSIONS IN NATO ON THIS QUESTION.

14. IN DISCUSSING THE UNEQUAL EFFECTS OF AN MBFR
AGREEMENT FOR THE US-USSR AND OTHER WESTERN DIRECT
PARTICIPANTS, FRG REP NOTED THAT THE ALLIES SO FAR
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HAD AVOIDED THE PHRASE "UNEQUAL OBLIGATIONS." ITALIAN ACTING REP AGREED, BUT SAID THE TIME HAD COME TO USE THIS FORMULATION. AFTER MAKING OTHER EDITORIAL SUGGESTIONS, THE GROUP APPROVED THE DRAFT OUTLINE AND DIRECTED THE AHG DRAFTING GROUP TO DEVELOP A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR AHG REVIEW ON SEPTEMBER 23. GROUP ALSO AGREED THAT CANADIAN REP GRANDE SHOULD GIVE THE FIRST PLENARY STATEMENT, AND THAT THE NETHERLANDS REP SHOULD GIVE THE SECOND ALLIED STATEMENT AT THE PLENARY SESSION ABOUT OCTOBER SINCE QUALRES WILL BE LEAVING MBFR AFTER THAT TIME.

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15. AHG AGREED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD, IN HIS WEEKLY REPORT TO THE NAC, PROPOSE THAT THE NEXT AHG REPORT TO THE NAC OCCURE IN THE LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FROM NAC

16. SYG REP (COHEN) REPORTED THAT HE IS EXPECTING A STATUS REPORT ON GUIDANCE TO THE AHG FROM THE HEAD OF THE NATO DISARMAMENT SECTION SHORTLY, AND WILL REPORT THE SITUATION TO THE AHG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UK REP SAID THE GROUP SHOULD DISCUSS THIS QUESTION AT THE NEXT AHG MEETING, ON SEPTEMBER 20.

SECURITY OF RENNWEG BUILDING

17. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF SECURITY OFFICER (DIXON) REPORTED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ARAB TERRORISM IN AUSTRIA DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF CAMPS IN VIENNA FOR SOVIET JEWISH EMMIGRANTS. GIVEN THE RECENT EVENS IN THE HAGUE, HE ASKED THE GROUP'S OPINION WHETHER THE ALLIES SHOULD REQUEST AUSTRIAN POLICE PROTECTION. SEVERAL REPS VOICED CONCERN ABOUT CALLING ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM BY HAVING POLICEMEN OUTSIDE THE BUILDING AND PREFERRED THAT THE ALLIES TAKE NECESSARY SECURITY MEASURES THEMSELVES. DIXON REPORTED THAT SOME PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES HAD ALREADY BEEN UNDERTAKEN. THE GROUP DECIDED THAT AN ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM MORE CAREFULLY.

REPRESENTATION OF GREECE

18. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WAS REPRESENTED AT THE AD HOC MEETING BY D.A. NEZERITIS, THE NUMBER TWO MAN ON THE DELEGATION. NEZERITIS HAS STATED THAT THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS DESIGNATED A REPLACEMENT FOR FORMER GREEK REP MICHALIS DOUNTAS FOLLOWING THE LATTER'S APPOINTMENT AS GREEK AMBASSADOR TO CYPRUS BUT THAT THE OFFICIAL DESIGNATED AS DOUNTAS' SUCCESSOR HAD APPARENTLY BEEN GIVEN ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT IN THE INTERIM AND THAT A FURTHER

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DESIGNATION WAS EXPECTED. THE TURKS WERE
REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING BY DEPREP UNAN, WHO
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SEEKING A MORE ACTIVE ASSIGNMENT, IS STILL ON
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